A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An additional assistant was appointed.

(*d*) Yes; in calculating the net cost three assistants including one science assistant are taken into account.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I am sorry the hon. the Minister has not answered the question of which I think he is well aware. Sir, there are four assistants. I am asking whether the Government are meeting the cost of the additional assistant who was employed with the consent of the District Educational Officer ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" We were not aware of that, Sir. There are three assistants one of whom is a science assistant and his cost is included in calculating the net cost of the school."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to call for the information whether there are not four men employed and if so will he be pleased to see that the cost of one appointed with the consent of the District Educational Officer is included in the net cost ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" Even if one assistant is appointed with the consent of the District Educational Officer, the Government are not bound to pay for him."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Will he be pleased to inquire how many there are and if there are more than three of them to see that he is included in the net cost ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" As I said it will serve no useful purpose, because even if there are four assistants, the local body which appointed the fourth will have to bear the cost."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Does he suggest that instruction in chemistry can be given without that assistant ? It is an absolute necessity to have that fourth man."

Buildings for the municipal schools at Bellary, etc.

* 371 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the stage at which the question of providing new buildings for the municipal schools at Bellary and Adoni, respectively, is at present ?

A.—Detailed plans and estimate for constructing a building for the Municipal high school, Bellary, have been prepared and it is expected that the work will be put in execution in the course of this year. The question of construction of a new building for the Municipal high school, Adoni, is under correspondence.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Sir, the hon. the Minister has inspected this school and he is aware of the extreme difficulties experienced there. Will he be pleased to expedite the matter ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro :—" The answer was already given."